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1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2.	<p>This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets including this title page.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Instruction 607 of Administrative Instructions of the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 9 sheets.</p>
3.	<p>This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement according to Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/CH 03/00799

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn up on the basis of the following elements *(the replacement sheets received by the receiving office in response to an invitation according to Article 14 are considered in the present report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report as they contain no amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).):*

Description, pages:

1-7 received on 06.11.2004 with the letter of 04.11.2004

Claims, No.:

1-12 received on 06.11.2004 with the letter of 04.11.2004

Drawings, sheets:

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been written disregarding (some of) the amendments, which were considered as going beyond the description of the invention, as filed, as is indicated below (Rule 70.2(c)):

(All replacement sheets comprising amendments of this nature should be indicated in point 1 and attached to this report).

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-12
	No:	Claims	
Inventive Step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-12
	No:	Claims	
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-12
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

1. The invention relates to a system for determining the production data and controlling a number of weaving and knitting machines, each weaving or knitting machine containing a control computer which is networked in part wirelessly to a central computer.

Such systems are known in principle for spinning machines and machine tools, respectively from DE 100 550 25 (D1) and EP 1 128 244 (D2).

2. It is an object of the present invention to provide a flexible transmission facility for pattern (control) data and production data even in extensive production plants.

The object is achieved according to the invention by the characterizing part of claim 1, specifically in that the control computer of the weaving and knitting machines are wirelessly connected to a transmission unit, the transmission unit being at least partially connected by means of a data line to the central computer.

3. Although such mixed (wireless/wired) network topologies are known in principle from D2 for machine tools, no indication is found in the documents of the search report that such a topology can be used advantageously for weaving and knitting machines. D1 uses a wireless transmission technique for spinning machines, but does not disclose a mixed wireless/wired network topology. Document DE 41 19 260 describes mechanical details of weaving and knitting machines, the pattern transfer (control data transfer) being carried out by floppy disk.

No document of the current prior art therefore anticipates or makes obvious the subject-matter of the present invention.